where PRACTICE meets PURPOSE
Thank you for taking the time to consider Faulkner Law.

Faulkner Law is a small school with a distinctive caring Christian environment. With less than three hundred students we offer an outstanding faculty-student ratio that lends itself to a true open door policy. If you have trouble grasping a certain topic in class or need assistance with an assignment you are encouraged, indeed you are welcomed, to approach our faculty in their office or meet off campus. 1L students are introduced to our Faulkner Law Family in our Mini-Prep program before classes begin. There they find that our approach to legal education has cultivated an atmosphere where a student’s good days are enjoyed with their classmates, and their trials are shared as well. Our outstanding clinics, law review, and award winning advocacy programs complement an outstanding classroom education that equips students with practice-ready skills.

We are a Christian law school. That means we care for each student individually and strive to equip them for success. Our Christian faith also calls on us to seek out exceptional students who yearn to serve their community and positively impact the lives of those who are in need of counsel.

We want our students to have a strong sense of ethics and morality when they graduate. We expect them to put the interests of their clients first and to advocate vigorously for their rights. We intend for them to expertly identify the issues of their clients and to have a complete understanding of the law used to resolve disputes, but more so we intend for them to know how best to resolve disputes in ways that preserve existing relationships and which meet the needs of their clients. We want our students to enter practice understanding that just as they must lead their community – they must serve it. Our faculty is uniquely positioned to teach you all of this and to support the learning process. As you consider our school, ask yourself how important each of the things we say we intend is to you. If they are important, please consider joining the Faulkner Law Family – where practice meets purpose.

If you feel the law is a calling – I call on you to consider Faulkner Law.

Charles I. Nelson, Dean
PREPARATION IS CRUCIAL TO AN ATTORNEY’S SUCCESS.

Preparation is crucial to an attorney’s success. Faulkner Law helps prepare you for your first day of practice before your first day of class.

Prior to admission, you have the opportunity to take part in our free LSAT Prep Days and meet classmates on a similar journey.

In the summer before you begin law school, you can enroll in our free Mini-Prep course to sharpen your basic study and exam skills. This experience will help you develop positive habits for success in law school.

Finally, orientation is your survival guide for managing life as a first-year law student. Afterwards, you’ll get to know the faculty and the rest of your law school community at the informal Bluegrass & BBQ festival hosted on the law school lawn.

AUDREY COLLINS - 1L
MORRISTOWN, TENNESSEE
With our unique Foundations curriculum, Faulkner Law goes beyond the standard first-year curriculum offered at most law schools.

In the fall semester, Foundations of Law helps you make the connection between law and justice. In the spring semester, Foundations of the Legal Profession inspires you to develop your own professional identity by connecting you with alumni, attorney mentors, and distinguished jurists.

WE'RE READY TO HELP YOU DISCOVER YOUR PATHWAY TO PRACTICE.
CONCENTRATION IS KEY TO YOUR SUCCESS.

With a solid grounding in our core curriculum, as a second-year student you’ll begin to concentrate your studies along one of five pathways to practice:

REGULATORY & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
Equip yourself for a career in a heavily regulated industry such as healthcare, banking, or insurance, or for public service as a government attorney or official.

BUSINESS & NON-PROFILE LAW
Prepare to enter the corporate world as a transactional lawyer, in-house counsel, or an attorney representing non-profit organizations.

LAW PRACTICE & ENTREPRENEURSHIP
Learn how to open your own small firm or solo practice, or explore more innovative ways to use your law degree such as starting a business venture.

ADVOCACY & DISPUTE RESOLUTION
Develop your litigation and negotiation skills in an advanced practicum or in our award-winning advocacy program. And go on to earn a joint J.D./LL.M. degree in three years.

CRIMINAL LAW & PUBLIC INTEREST
Train to be the next great criminal defense lawyer, prosecutor, or public interest advocate.
“My Faulkner Law externship opened the door to my current position as Assistant Counsel at the Alabama Department of Transportation. My legal education from Faulkner Law gives me confidence as I represent the Department.”

Christy Coan ’13  Assistant Attorney General/Assistant Counsel  
Alabama Department of Transportation

“A law degree opens doors to careers both inside and outside of the traditional courtroom setting. Having experienced it myself, I am confident that the Faulkner Law program prepares students for legal work in a variety of business settings.”

Gordon Berkstresser ’07  Global Manager,  
Technical Regulations And Standards for GE Oil & Gas

“In today’s legal market, many cases settle before they even reach the courtroom. My hands-on experience at Faulkner Law taught me the pre-trial and trial components of a case.”

Clinton Richardson ’12  Advocacy Associate, Capell & Howard, P.C.

“Immediately after graduation, I found myself in federal court defending my client’s constitutional rights. I was ready substantively and procedurally because of the solid legal foundation I developed at Faulkner Law.”

Mitch McGuire ’12  
McGuire & Associates, LLC

“As a district attorney, it is my high honor to fight for justice for the people of Montgomery County. My time at Jones School of Law helped me develop the skills necessary to pursue justice for victims and to ensure that they are well represented throughout the criminal process.”

Daryl Bailey ’96  District Attorney, Montgomery County
TRIED AND TRUE TALENT.

Faulkner Law’s Advocacy Program is continually ranked among the top programs in the nation.

The unique structure of our co-curricular program allows students to work closely with faculty coaches to ensure success.

Every student has an opportunity to hone his or her skills in one of three annual, intra-school competitions: Closing Argument, First-Year Moot Court, and the J. Greg Allen Intra-School Mock Trial Competition.

Our inter-school competition teams compete and win all over the country, traveling to Atlanta, Chicago, San Antonio, Dallas, St. Louis, New York, Raleigh, Nashville, Washington, D.C., Austin, Miami, New Orleans, San Francisco, and Los Angeles, among other cities.

This program is one of the ways Faulkner Law opens doors for you nationwide. Some of our students have even received on-the-spot job offers during competitions.

RECENT NATIONAL TITLES

2014 Mercer Legal Ethics and Professionalism Moot Court Competition
2014 Buffalo/Niagara Invitational Mock Trial Tournament
2014 Florida State National Civil Mock Trial Competition
2013 Michigan State National Trial Advocacy Competition
2012 & 2013 Lone Star Classic Mock Trial Invitational
2013 ABA Representation in Mediation Competition
2012 August A. Rendigs Moot Court Competition

TRIAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM

“Faulkner Law students who have completed the Trial Advocacy Program come to our courts ready to try cases.”

RANDALL V. HOUSTON
District Attorney, 19th Judicial Circuit
One of only four law schools in the nation invited to both the Andrews Kurth Moot Competition and the National Top Gun Tournament in 2014.

TEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
IN MOOT COURT, MOCK TRIAL, AND MEDIATION COMPETITIONS — EIGHT OF THEM SINCE 2012

14 BEST ADVOCATE AWARDS
EIGHT OF THEM WON IN NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Our Competition Teams Have Competed in Over 20 States (and Counting).

ADR CERTIFICATE/LL.M. IN ADVOCACY AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

“The negotiation skills and dispute resolution training obtained in our 15-credit hour ADR certificate program are not only critical for mediators but for all lawyers. Regardless of the career path you choose, don’t stop with the certificate. You can apply to our 24-credit hour LL.M. program, and by double counting up to 12 hours of advocacy-related courses, earn two degrees (J.D. and LL.M.) in the same three years it normally takes to earn the J.D. degree.” DEAN MATT A. VEGA
GET INVOLVED.

Learn to collaborate and network through a variety of student organizations including:

- Alabama Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
- Alabama Defense Lawyers Association
- American Constitution Society
- Association of Future Prosecutors
- Black Law Students Association
- Board of Advocates
- Christian Legal Society
- Faulkner Law Democrats
- Faulkner Law Review
- Federalist Society
- Honor Court
- Jones Law Republicans
- Jones Public Interest Law Foundation
- Military Veterans Law Association
- Phi Alpha Delta – Albert Patterson Chapter
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Student Bar Association
- Women’s Legal Society

Law Review

In addition to publishing the *Faulkner Law Review*, journal members interact with legal scholars from around the world to sharpen their legal writing. Members also host an annual symposium on the Anglo-American legal tradition in the United States.
“Student organizations are a fun and unique way to stay active in the school while furthering your legal education. My co-curricular activities have given me an opportunity to develop professional skills and relationships that I know will last throughout my legal career.”

JAMIE CAMPBELL - 2L
TROY, ALABAMA
LAW REVIEW, JUNIOR EDITOR
BOARD OF ADVOCATES

“I’ve come to find the crux of law study and practice to be public servitude. Faulkner Law ingrains in their students a zeal for helping others, whether in the local community or in our own student body. I am confident this commitment to public service will propel me into a fulfilling legal career.”

RODNEY DAVIS - 3L
HILLSBORO, ALABAMA
BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION, PRESIDENT
FAULKNER LAW DEAN FELLOW
YOU’LL REACH HIGHER BY REACHING OUT TO OTHERS.

IN THE THIRD YEAR

The Faulkner Law experience culminates in the third year, putting your knowledge, skills, and values to practice. Our advanced practicums and clinical programs give you an opportunity to learn while improving the lives of real clients.
With the Alabama State Bar’s unique third-year practice card, you can earn invaluable hands-on experience in one of our four live-client clinics.

**ELDER LAW CLINIC**
Assist low-income seniors with estate-planning advice and with drafting wills, powers of attorney, and healthcare directives.

**FAMILY VIOLENCE CLINIC**
Serve victims of domestic violence in actual court proceedings partnering with the One Place Family Justice Center.

**MEDIATION CLINIC**
Help local state court judges reduce the backlog of cases by mediating actual civil lawsuits. We have an 80% success rate in settling cases, saving parties time and money.

Get the kind of experience you (and your clients) will rely on for the rest of your legal career. Become a lawyer-servant in your community.
Every Faulkner Law student is guaranteed hands-on experience doing real-world legal work. You may choose from more than 50 field placements that only a capital city like Montgomery provides. Under faculty guidance and an on-site field supervisor, you’ll begin to define your professional identity by seeing and doing what it takes to practice law.

**FIND YOUR PLACE.**

**LEGISLATION AND POLICY**
- Alabama Law Institute
- Foundation for Moral Law
- Legislative Office of the Alabama Personnel Department

**PROSECUTION**
- Alabama Office of the Attorney General
- Alabama Securities Commission
- U.S. Attorney’s Office
- Various District Attorney Offices

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE**
- Equal Justice Initiative
- Federal Defenders Program
- Legal Services Alabama
- Montgomery County Public Defender’s Office

**JUDICIAL**
- Alabama Civil and Criminal Courts of Appeal
- Alabama District and Circuit Courts
- Federal Judges and Magistrates
- Supreme Court of Alabama

**GOVERNMENT PRACTICE**
- Alabama Department of Corrections
- Alabama Department of Education
- Alabama Department of Human Resources
- Alabama Department of Public Health
- Alabama Department of Public Safety
- Alabama Department of Senior Services
- Maxwell Air Force Base
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- U.S. Social Security Administration
Our Professional Development Program is integrated into all three years of the law school curriculum. Our students are ready to pass the bar and enter the legal profession.

**FIRST-YEAR CURRICULUM**
Legal Reasoning, Writing, and Research
Legal Analysis and Persuasion

**UPPER-LEVEL CURRICULUM**
Advanced Practicums, Experiential Learning (Clinics and Field Placements), and Bar Success Program

“We tend to hire prosecutors who first interned with my office while completing their studies at Jones School of Law, and I am extremely pleased with the caliber of training received and professionalism exhibited by these students.”

RANDALL V. HOUSTON District Attorney, 19th Judicial Circuit
Our Career Development Office partners with you to make your career plans a reality. We help connect you with alumni and supporters as attorney mentors and potential employers. And those you connect with will continue to be valuable resources for years to come.

**PURSUE YOUR PASSION.**

**FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES.**
Faulkner Law is proud of its alumni—a powerhouse network of more than 2,000 lawyers, judges, prosecutors, business leaders, and public servants. As state Supreme Court justices, Congressmen, and successful practitioners, Faulkner Law graduates are making a difference in their communities and beyond.

Also, our friends and supporters who practice in virtually every area of law actively teach and mentor our students.

“The on a daily basis, the Career Development Office works with our outstanding students to coordinate interviews for internships, externships, and ultimately employment in their chosen field of practice, from the large firms to non-traditional J.D. Advantage positions.”

**Bryan E. Morgan, COL. (Retired)**
DIRECTOR OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT
SCOTT SMITH ’15
HOMETOWN: DOTHAN, ALABAMA

“I would not be where I am today without the support of numerous mentors at Faulkner Law and around the state. Their confidence in my abilities was fundamental in molding me into the lawyer servant I plan to be.”

HOW SCOTT SMITH SECURED A COVETED FEDERAL CLERKSHIP

1L YEAR
• Met one-on-one with the Director of the Career Development Office (CDO) to discuss opportunities
• Attended CDO workshops and updated his résumé
• Took part in CDO mock interviews
• Competed in the 1L moot court tournament

RESULT
Obtained an internship with a Federal Magistrate Judge in Mobile

2L YEAR
• Elected Jr. Editor of Faulkner Law Review
• Competed in 3 trial competitions and 1 moot court competition
• Met regularly with an attorney mentor
• Networked at the annual State Bar meeting held at the beach

RESULT
Secured a summer internship with two federal judges

3L YEAR
• Competed in 4 trial competitions, winning 2
• Elected Editor-in-Chief of Faulkner Law Review
• Met with faculty with federal clerkship experience to receive advice
• Secured letters of recommendation from faculty and previous employers for a federal clerkship application

RESULT
Offered a 2-year federal clerkship position upon graduation
The law school is located on the small, traditional liberal arts college campus of Faulkner University in Montgomery, Alabama. Students enjoy free parking, individual lockers, on-campus dining, an athletic multiplex with basketball and racquetball courts and fitness facilities, and a state-of-the-art law library. Plenty of affordable housing options are available near campus.

LIFE IN MONTGOMERY
We are located in Montgomery, Alabama, the state capital and home to approximately 200,000 people. Many students work closely with members of the Alabama Legislature or with regionally and nationally renowned public interest advocacy groups. You might also clerk at the Alabama Supreme Court, in the State Attorney General’s Office, or with a federal judge in the Middle District of the United States.
THE PATH TO YOUR CALLING BEGINS WITH A CONVERSATION.

Faulkner Law prepares you to practice law with purpose. We’re looking for students who see a law degree as a way to make a positive difference in their communities. Your LSAT score and undergraduate GPA carry considerable weight in the admission process, but so do your character, leadership skills, and public service.

Learn more about how you can use your passion for law in a life of service to others.

Come visit us and meet with our Admissions team. While you’re here, sit in on a first-year class, take a tour of our top-rated facilities, and talk with current students.

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